



# NEWS & VIEWS

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## SCOUTING DISPLAY OTAGO SETTLERS' MUSEUM VISITS

In response to enquiries the DISPLAY will be open by arrangement in the evenings say after 15<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

Groups and/or sections of any combination will be welcome say between 7 and 8pm. The ideal number of visitors at a time will be about 20-25 people (this to include leaders, parents and youth members).

To arrange a night and time please contact John Ingram. His contact details are: phone – (between 1 and 5pm) (03) 474 2728, fax (03) 474 2727, email: [jingram@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:jingram@dcc.govt.nz)

This will give a variation to your programme!

Please wear uniform to all centennial events.

## JIGGER RACING

The results of “The Scouting Centennial Jigger Racing” held behind the Settlers Museum on the railway tracks on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2007 were:

Scouts: Mosgiel Team 2, 15.94 seconds

Venturers: Tainui, 16.66 seconds

Leaders/Rovers: Green Island Leaders, 13.41 seconds

Thanks to those who entered.

It was a pity that some Group Leaders did not pass on the entry forms they received, thus denying their Group members the chance of taking part.

We hope to make this an annual event but not in mid winter. It will probably be a spring or autumn event.

## **CENSUS**

We still await census returns from St Patricks, Tainui, Waitaha and Wanaka. These were due in by 27 June and we still await these about 3 weeks later.

Technically these Groups are no longer registered. Technically the Leaders' warrants are not renewed. Technically I am most frustrated because we have to get the returns into the National Office and we cannot with some missing!

"Hec"

## **QUEENS BIRTHDAY HONOURS**

Mrs. Lorraine Bruce was awarded the Queen's Service medal in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours.

Among lots of community activities she served for over 14 years as Waitaha Treasurer and the Leith-Stuart District Badge Secretary.

## **GANG SHOW 2007**

Well, another Gang Show has delighted large audiences of Scouts, Guides and the general public, who all came away from the show with smiles and praise for the caste of 81 who sang, danced and performed to their utmost to give us a terrific spectacle.

The orchestra, stage hands, wardrobe, make-up, lighting, sound and front of house also performed extremely well and we thank them all for a job well done.

We also thank all the parents for their running around getting the cast members to rehearsals and the theatre through very trying weather.

To the cast what can I say, yes it was a terrific task set you, which you all grasped with both hands and succeeded in surpassing past shows, proving once again that with the right direction Scouts and Guides can achieve anything.

To Noel and Sue Walker, a big thank you for again putting in an enormous amount of time and energy to produce another successful show, and putting Scouting and Guiding in Otago and Southland in a positive scenario. I trust we will see you in 2009.

Again I can't thank enough all the people involved with Gang Show 2007 and wish you all well in the coming year.

Clive. F. Sims.  
Gang Show Chairman

# WAIORA CAMPSITE

The campsite is going through a quiet period at the moment; however bookings are very good from August onwards. The grass area outside the MTC has now had drainage installed and we must now wait for better weather for the grass to grow. I would appreciate all tenants and users of Waiora keeping off this area until the barriers are removed.

Work on the new "break-out" room has started, hopefully ready for use by the end of August. This will be a great addition for use with either the cabins or MTC courses.

I have been speaking with the forestry people regarding the rather messy roads outside the main entrance and McKerrow Field. When they have a large digger available we will co-ordinate the placing of large rocks along the roadside (similar to those at the Wardens Cottage). We will share the cost of this work which will perhaps give us a better approach once everything has dried out.

The campsite committee welcomes Bryan Mason as a new member; this now means we have a member from (old Districts) Leith/Stuart, Cargill, Saddlehill/Taieri and Flagstaff who all discuss and agree on the welfare of the campsite.

Chains are being fitted to the top and bottom of the road at the cabins and Bridge Field to prevent vehicle access. Should anyone need this roadway the wardens will have a key for these padlocks. (We have been having trouble with traffic using this road to create havoc on Bridge Field.)

On a brighter note scouting generally has been using Waiora for camping and other activities to a much greater degree, hence our work around the camp is paying off.

From the beginning of July 2007 the camp task has been discontinued and a set fee of \$2 per camper for a weekend (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) will be charged. (Many Groups stated they could not find the warden or the tools were not available.)

The DCC have advised that Three Mile Hill Road will be closed for improvement work from August 27 through to December 1. Hence access to Waiora will be via the Main South Road and through Mosgiel.

Clive Sims.  
Campsite Manager.  
16<sup>th</sup> July 2007

## CAMPSITE CHARGES

Camp tasks have been abolished and Scouts camping pay \$2 per person per weekend.

The charge is made to help recoup the costs involved in lawn mowing, toilets (we have to empty the holding tanks) and the water which has to be purchased, filtered and treated. The charge does not cover the full cost. Others using the camping areas pay more than Scout Groups.

(Wardens apparently had problems in getting some campers to undertake camp tasks and the provision of tools was often a problem. Also camp tasks apparently often cut across programme arrangements.)

## HOT NEWS

**A Scouting Advanced Personal Development Course** will be run during the period 28<sup>th</sup> September – 1 October, at El Rancho, Waikanae. Upon completion of the budget, communication will go out to the movement via the Weekly News advising details of this course. Eligible leaders are invited to keep this time free.

There will be a course fee payable plus travel. Waikanae is just north of Wellington so air travel will be the best means of travel.

The cost will probably be about \$400 plus travel.

Groups and Zones may be able to help with the cost. Leaders should check on their ability to attend, complete all requirements and be ready to apply. Discuss costs with your Group Committee who can also apply to agencies for a grant.

## JOTA/JOTI

50<sup>TH</sup> JOTA – 11<sup>TH</sup> JOTI – 2007

It is a pleasure to announce that the Golden Jubilee 50<sup>th</sup> Jamboree On the Air (JOTA) and the 11<sup>th</sup> Jamboree on the Internet will be held over the weekend of the 19, 20 and 21 October 2007.

To read more detailed information about JOTA/JOTI go to [http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular\\_n\\_17\\_april\\_2007](http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular_n_17_april_2007) or go to [www.joti.org](http://www.joti.org)

# SANDFORD COURSE

The Sandford Course will be held on the weekend of 26, 27, 28 October at Waioara. Plan now for your Scouts to attend. This is a course that will teach your Scouts lots of leadership skills and will help them immensely in their personal development.

## OUR CENTENNIAL

Our celebrations are underway.

Black Friday (13<sup>th</sup> July, with black frost on the roads) saw the opening of “Be Prepared”, the Scout Exhibition by His Worship the Mayor of Dunedin, Peter Chin.

This show runs through to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September and we hope all Groups who can, visit this. I have heard of one group who are going there on 1<sup>st</sup> August, having a meal nearby and renewing their promise at 7pm (which will equate with 8am on Brownsea Island).

The Centennial Book, “Scouting Otago – a Centennial History” was launched at the same function.

Group Leaders were invited to attend and if they did they received a free copy for their Group along with an order form to enable Group copies to be bought for \$10 each. This is the price, through your Group, that each youth member and a leader can buy the book. Some groups have already ordered.

We were sorry that many Groups were not able to attend because of the road conditions and think it was wise not to endanger lives or vehicles.

The jigger racing is reported elsewhere. Those who entered got a “free lunch”, just to show that such things sometimes exist. Entries were smaller in number than we expected, but of course some sections were never told by their Group Leaders! The event was curtailed after one run by each team before cold rain began to fall at 2pm.

A key person in Scouting is the Group Leader.

Where no one with a Group Leader warrant has been appointed some other leader takes on the position. Where there is only one section, a Group Leader is not normally appointed.

Group Leaders are the equivalent of a Manager. Good Groups, Groups with vibrant sections and an active support team (Group Committee) have a good Group Leader.

In the Coastal Otago Zone we hope to run some meetings of Group Leaders before the end of August. Ample notice will be given.

“Hec”

# **SOUTH OTAGO CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES**

South Otago groups are planning to meet at the Balclutha Town Hall on Wednesday 1 August from 6-7pm for a presentation of warrants, a slideshow of old photos, tea and tiny cakes.

## **PROMISE CARDS AND LANYARDS**

Scouting Direct is sending direct to groups a lanyard (not like the old lanyard, but a printed tape and clip).

Numbers and presumably the address used will be last year's (2006) numbers. These items are for distribution to each youth member and leader. They should be in the hands of each Group Leader by 31<sup>st</sup> July.

The Zone Office has been promised some spares, so if there are shortages in your group, please contact us without delay and we will try to get some to you. Phone 477 6644, Fax 477 6648, Freephone (out of Dunedin free calling area) 0800 SCOUTS (0800 726 887) or email: [admin@scoutingotago.org.nz](mailto:admin@scoutingotago.org.nz)

The promise on the card is the one to use at the renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

## **RUMOUR**

Rumour is one of the most destructive forces in any organization. It causes uncertainty and many people do not know how to handle it.

Fortunately some have contacted me but I find it both alarming and horrifying when matters are raised as if it was truthful at various meetings.

Recently "idiots" have been spreading completely unfounded rumours suggesting that:

- The Jamboree has been cancelled and
- The Labour Weekend Regatta has been "canned".

I can assure all readers that if any such matter is correct or has any basis of truth the movement would be informed straight away.

Please, if you hear such comments, check to find out if they are correct. Please do not pass them onto other leaders or our youth members many of whom are planning to go to one or both events, and saving to get there.

"Hec"

## FOR THOSE WHO HAVE GREAT FAITH IN THEIR COMPUTER SPELL CHECKER

Eye halve a spelling chequer  
It came with my pea sea  
It plainly marques four my revue  
Miss takes eye cannot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word  
And weight four it two say  
Weather eye am wrong oar write  
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid  
It nose be fore two long  
And eye can put the error rite  
It's rare lea ever wrong

Eye have run this poem threw it  
I am shore your pleased to know  
It's letter perfect awl the weigh  
My chequer tolled me sew.

(Editor's note: My computer says  
this has only got 5 mistakes in it!)

Fare enough:

Breakfasts from around the world  
Memorable fare at a Brisbane hotel  
The "Queenslander Breakfast" consisted of about six  
thick slices of fried black pudding, two or three  
sausages, scrambled eggs and "watery Aussie tomatoes"  
all swimming in a sea of baked beans with two fried  
eggs on top.

Suitable for a mid-winter camp!?

Some people are:

...a lot like wheelbarrows – no good unless they are  
pushed  
...a lot like kites – if you don't keep strings on them  
they fly away  
...a lot like footballs – you can't tell which way they  
will bounce next  
...a lot like trailers – they have to be pulled  
...a lot like good watches – open face, pure gold, and  
quietly busy.

# LEADER SKILLS

- Choose the right game for the right occasion.
- Never over use any particular game.
- Name the games, to help the players remember which ones they like.
- Ensure you have the required equipment to hand before starting the game.
- Be clear as to how you want the players – standing, sitting, relay form, two equal teams, etc.
- Change the name of a game to suit the theme; this will aid the players' enjoyment.
- Modify games as appropriate to allow for disabled participants or special circumstances.
- Explain the rules clearly and as concisely as possible, once the players are in position. Do not embellish the rules unnecessarily.
- Avoid the use of a whistle to obtain quiet – personality and hand signals are all that are required.
- Ask for any questions before you start the game.
- Be enthusiastic in leading the games and this will rub off on the players.
- Ensure silence whilst teaching the game, but encourage noise whilst playing it.
- Do not encourage cheating, nor let it go unchecked, even if only due to over-enthusiasm.
- Always remember the safety and happiness of the players.
- Don't let a game drag on, nor play it more than twice in succession.
- If a game isn't working, stop it, re-explain the rules and start again.
- Ensure that the players know the boundary lines before starting a game.
- If equal teams are needed, let the first player in a team with short numbers go twice. Avoid making an odd player drop out.
- Take part in the games yourself from time to time – but only to show that you are game for a laugh. Never participate just to show off.

## STOP PANICKING!

Here are four games, simple to teach, and requiring minimal equipment (or none at all).

### ALL THOSE

Equipment: None

Players: Ten or more

- Players sit in a circle, ideally on chairs, with one player standing in the centre.
- This player calls out "All those wearing..." (for example) "...red socks", whereupon all those wearing red socks must change places with each other.

- The player in the middle tries to gain a seat whilst the others are moving, leaving a new player in the centre.

### **BOTTLE BUNG**

Equipment: Six empty plastic bottles and a football

Players: Eight or more

- Players stand in two teams, either side of a half-way line. Behind each team is another line, beyond which are three bottles.
- The ball is thrown into play and players try to knock down their opponents' bottles whilst defending their own.
- Two ball retrievers will be needed at each end if played outside. No players can cross any line. Try it with more than one ball.

### **BUCKETBALL**

Equipment: A football

Players: Ten or more

- Players form two teams, with one of their members standing on a chair behind the opposing team.
- The ball is thrown into play and players must pass it around their team and try to score a goal by getting to their friend on the chair.
- Players must not run with the ball, nor touch another player.
- If buckets are available for the two 'goals' to hold, so much the better.

### **BURGLAR**

Equipment: Some keys or a stone, stick, etc.

Players: Ten or more

- Players stand in a large circle with the 'loot' in the centre.
- One player chosen to be a burglar must leave the room.
- A remaining player is chosen to be a secret detective.
- The burglar returns and must enter the circle and grab the loot, leaving the circle at the same point through which he enters.
- The detective must try to tag the burglar after he has stolen the loot and before leaving the circle. The detective should, therefore, keep her identity secret until the last moment.

# BROWNSEA ISLAND

## The First Scout Camp

In 1907 B.-P. went to Ireland for a fishing holiday. While he was there he worked on his book, and met Mr. and Mrs. Charles van Raalte. It turned out that the van Raaltes owned Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour off the coast of Dorset. An island! Just the place for a camp! Mr van Raalte was enthusiastic about B.-P.'s ideas and readily agreed to let B.P. hold a camp on his island.

Having settled the location B.-P. needed some boys. He wanted to find out what kind of boys might be interested in his scheme, so he asked some army friends if their sons or nephews might like to go. And invited the Boys' Brigade companies in Poole and Bournemouth to send boys from working class families.

Major Kenneth McLaren (and old army friend of B.-P.'s) was the first to arrive on Brownsea towards the end of July. He pitched the bell tents and installed a professional chef who would do the cooking in a small marquee.

On 29<sup>th</sup> July 1907 B.-P. accompanied by his 9 year old nephew Donald, and three of the boys boarded the motor boat *Hyacinth* at Poole Customs House and crossed the harbour to Seymour's Quay on the north of the island. Two days later the remaining eighteen boys arrived at the campsite on the south western shore.

For a number of the boys it was a particularly thrilling experience because, while they had heard of the famous General Baden-Powell, they had never expected to meet him face-to-face. It was exciting because they were going to camp and in those days hardly anyone – except soldiers – went camping.

B.-P. divided the boys into four groups which he called patrols. Each patrol was given a name and every boy wore a coloured shoulder knot to show to which patrol he belonged: Bulls – green; Curlews – yellow; Ravens – red; Wolves – blue. One boy in each patrol was appointed patrol leader. Each patrol leader wore an "arrowhead" badge in his hat.

For the next ten days, the boys had the time of their lives. They took part in many activities which you may take for granted nowadays, but for them they were quite new.

At six o'clock each morning B.-P. blew a koodoo horn, which he had acquired some years before while in Africa with the Army. The strange loud noise was the signal for everyone to get up.

The campers washed, had a milky drink and a session of physical exercises. Then there was a short ceremony for flag-break and prayers before breakfast. For the rest of the day there were training games, games for fun, and all sorts of other activities and competitions.

Each night one patrol was sent out of the main camp. "They drew rations of flour, potatoes, meat and tea, and went out to some indicated spot to bivouac for the night," B.-P. wrote later. "Each boy carried his greatcoat and blankets, cooking pots and matches."

These overnight camps were one of the real highlights of that Brownsea adventure, as Arthur Primmer, one of the boys who was there, remembers: "One of the most enjoyable events of the camp was the evening when my patrol (the Ravens) was sent out for the night to another part of the island, to make camp on our own and cook our own supper and breakfast, to bed down for the night and generally to fend for ourselves.

"It brought out the adventurer's spirit in us, and we quite imagined ourselves on a desert island, especially as Brownsea, being well-wooded and cut off by the sea from the mainland, made a real Robinson Crusoe setting.

"The adventure was heightened as we knew that B.-P. would try to track us down and raid our little camp during the night which, of course, he succeeded in doing.

"After breakfasting to the best of our ability we proceeded to the nearest part of the shore and sent smoke signals to the main camp in a pre-arranged code to let them know that we were okay and were on our way back.

"The only drawback to this 'night out' was that we missed the main campfire which was held every night. I shall always vividly remember the scene...the boys in a circle round a fire on a lovely August night, with the tall trees in the background, the still waters of Poole Harbour in the foreground making a romantic setting, the firelight flickering on the stalwart and picturesque figure of B.-P. telling wide-eyed boys of his adventures in many parts of the world.

"One of B.-P.'s great gifts was his art of storytelling and we enjoyed to the full the personality which later was to enrich the lives of so many scouts."

All the boys who went were old enough to be scouts. All, that is, except one... B.-P.'s 9 year old nephew Donald. This is how Donald Baden-Powell remembered his experience.

"My most thrilling impression of the first Brownsea Island camp was the excitement of being on an island for the first time in my life.

“Aged only nine years, I was very much younger than any of the others there, and so a nominal post was invented for me, that of ‘adjutant’ to my uncle. This left me free to follow my own interests, many of which had been suggested to me by him.

“Years before he had begun to encourage me to paint. I remember being stopped by him in a street in Cheltenham.

“‘Look!’ He said. I looked but saw nothing but an empty street. Then he said: ‘Try and paint that sunset when you get home.’

“I looked at the flat bands of red and yellow that crossed the sky, but I did not realize how difficult I should find it to bring them to paper. My uncle did this so easily, and try as I could I knew I could never be as good an artist as him.

“When we went for walks he would constantly make casual references to natural history as we saw it on our way. He expected me to write it all up as fully as I could in my diary, complete with illustrations.

“I was too young to belong to any of the patrols organised in the Brownsea Island camp. No Curlew I, nor Raven, Wolf or Bull, but I think I can claim to be one of his early guinea-pigs!”

All too soon it was the last day of the camp. In the afternoon all the boys went up to the house for a big tea with Mr. and Mrs. van Raalte and their family. B.-P. laid a piece of paper on a table for all the campers to sign – for some reason Alan Vivian and Herbert Emley did not do so.

Then it was time to cross the water back to Poole and the mainland. As Humphrey Noble said many years later: “Of course, we never thought that we were doing anything very remarkable which would be so important later. Nor had we the faintest idea that our little camp would be the foundation of such a tremendous world-wide movement. All we knew then was that we were having a marvellous time with a most wonderful man.”

B.-P. felt that the camp had been a success. The patrol system worked. Camping and outdoor activities did appeal to all boys whatever their background. It had proved that, when put ‘on their honour’, boys would do their very best.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

A Survey: SPARC is conducting a survey on volunteers. This will be conducted during August and September. We are selecting some Group Treasurers, Leaders and others at random, as well as Zone Personnel and we are providing SPARC with your contact details. Please respond if asked to complete a survey.

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Other new appointments are pending.

## Calendar 2007

### July

Friday-Sunday 27-29 National Executive Committee Meeting

### August

Wednesday 1 Sunrise Ceremony  
 Friday-Sunday 3-5 Venturer Velocity  
 Friday-Sunday 3-5 Reunion  
 Wednesday 8 Zone Training Module 7-9pm Tools for the Job  
 Tuesday 7 Campsite Committee 7:30pm  
 Monday 13 Zone Water Activities Committee 7:30pm  
 Tuesday 21 Administration and Finance Committee 5:30pm

### September

Wednesday 5 Zone Training Module 7-9pm  
 Friday-Sunday 7-9 Venture Out - Waiora  
 Tuesday 11 Campsite Committee 7:30pm  
 Friday-Sunday 14-16 National Executive Committee Meeting  
 Tuesday 18 Administration and Finance Committee 5:30pm  
 Friday 21 Term 2 Ends  
 Friday 21 International Day of Peace  
 Saturday-Sunday 22-23 Training weekend to celebrate 100 years of Scouting

## Special days in July

1	Princess Diana's birthday
2	First Zeppelin flew in 1900
4	First Bus built in 1928
6	First Postcard made in 1869
14	Bastille Day
16	Apollo 11 lifts off to moon in 1969
17	Disneyland open in 1955
17	Sewing machine patented in 1790
23	Ice cream cone introduced in 1904
25	First steam locomotive (Blusher) built and trialed in 1814 by George Stephenson
28	Beatrix Potter's birthday
29	B.P. went to Brownsea Island to set up for the first scout camp in 1907
31	The first scout camp took place on Brownsea Island in 1907

## Special days in August

1	Scouting sunrise
3	Columbus set sail on his first voyage in 1492
16	Roller coaster patented in 1898
18	Wizard of Oz premiered in 1939
19	Orville Wright's birthday in 1871
23	First photograph of earth taken from the moon in 1966
24	Waffle iron patented in 1869
27	Mother Teresa's birthday in 1910
28	Martin Luther King Jr gave the "I have a dream" speech in 1963